

**Amendment to the Abstract**

The Abstract is amended as follows:

~~Oxygen~~ Oxygen stable active containing compositions

The invention relates to a moisture and oxygen stable composition comprising inert core particles and a partial or complete coating thereon of at least one active compound encapsulated in a carbohydrate matrix, which matrix is characterised by 5 to 95 wt. % high molecular weight film forming carbohydrate; 5 to 30 wt. % mono, di and trisaccharides; and 0 to 30 wt. % maltodextrin, ~~[[.]]~~ based on the total weight of the carbohydrate matrix, wherein the coated particle is further coated with a modified cellulose. The active compound to be encapsulated in the carbohydrate matrix can be selected from the group consisting of flavourants, fragrances, pharmaceuticals and wash-active components.